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## STINSON SELECTED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Larry Stinson, Ed. D., has been named deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) Bureau of Learning and Results Services.

Stinson has served as interim deputy commissioner of the bureau since January 2009 and as associate commissioner of the Office of District Support Services since July 2007. As deputy commissioner, he will oversee five offices: District Support Services; Teaching and Learning; Assessment and Accountability; Leadership and School Improvement; and Special Instructional Services. These offices provide services and resources related to school and district operations, professional development, testing, accountability, federal programs, special education programs and more.

Kay Kennedy, currently director of the Division of District Operations, will serve as interim associate commissioner for the Office of District Support Services. Kennedy has been employed by KDE since 2005 and will provide oversight for the divisions of Financial Data Management, District Operations, Facilities Management and Nutrition and Health Services.

Stinson has more than 30 years of educational experience and was superintendent of the Ft. Thomas Independent school district from 1994 until June 2007. Along with the traditional duties of a school superintendent, he also handled many financial duties, including tax rate calculations, state funding estimates and budget development. Stinson's prior experience includes serving as superintendent for the Whitley County Consolidated School District in Indiana and for the Bremen Public School District in Indiana. He also has served as an assistant professorial lecturer at Thomas More College, high school principal, teacher and band director.

Stinson earned bachelor's and master's degrees and a Rank I from Murray State University. He also earned a doctorate from Indiana University and holds certifications for school superintendent, secondary school principal, supervisor of instruction and high school teaching.

His salary has been set at \$128,612.

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